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Murphy Endowments scholarship

* 2611 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the late Mr. M. J. Murphy of the Indian Civil Service created by his request in favour of the Government an endowment of his properties making provision for a Scholarship of £ 400 tenable in England every year to a student either from Malabar or South Kanara; and

(b) the procedure followed in selecting candidates and who the recipients of the scholarships are so far?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes. But the value of the Scholarship was not fixed by Mr. M. J. Murphy who only placed at the disposal of Government a sum of rupees 69,600 for utilising the income from the fund for the award of scholarships. The amount of scholarship, viz., £ 400 was fixed by the Government.

(b) In the year 1935, the selection of candidates for the award of scholarships was made by a Committee consisting of officials and non-officials, specially constituted for the purpose. The next selection was made only in the year 1952 and this time, the selection of candidates was made by a Committee consisting of the Secretary to Government, Development Department, the Director of Industries and Commerce and the Director of Fisheries. A selection has been made recently for the award of scholarships and this time the selection was made by Government themselves on proposals submitted by the Director of Industries and Commerce.

The names of the recipients of the scholarships so far are given below :—

1. Sri B. Jagannatha Hegde.
2. Sri P. Sankara Menon.
3. Sri M. Mukundan Unni.
4. Sri G. Lakshminarayana Rao.
5. Sri N. K. Balasundar.
6. Sri P. Deenanth Rai.

Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949

* 2612 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications were received by Government under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, after the issue of G.O. Ms. No. 852, Agriculture, dated 26th March 1955, for selection felling and clear-felling in Malabar;

(b) the number of applications rejected and the number allowed; and

(c) how many of them related to the Attappady Valley and from whom?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) *Number of applications received*—66 (19 for selection felling and 47 for clear-felling).

(*b*) *Number of applications rejected*—20 (two for selection felling and 18 for clear-felling).

Number of applications allowed—11 (four for selection felling and seven for clear felling).

(*c*) *Number of applications received relating to Attappady Valley*—4 (two for selection felling and two for clear-felling).

Of these four applications, two were received from Sri M. C. Chandy (one for selection felling and one for clear-felling), one was received from Sri K. M. Jacob (for clear felling) and the remaining one was from Sri N. Balakrishna Panicker (for selection felling). The application from Sri N. Balakrishna Panicker is pending enquiry. The other three have been allowed.

* 2613 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any report in February or March 1955 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, that the rules relating to the felling of trees in private forests under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, are violated in Attappady in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government to prevent such violation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) In February 1955, the Assistant Collector, Malappuram, submitted a report to the Collector of Malabar regarding the irregularities noticed by him in the working of the private forests, by three permit-holders in Attappady.

(*b*) In the case of two of the three permit-holders the periods of the permits had already expired. In the case of the third permit-holder, there were no sufficient materials for any drastic action against him. The Collector therefore warned him against repetition of careless numbering and other irregularities. The Collector has also asked the District Forest Officer, Palghat, to take special care and precautions in recommending felling permits in Attappady valley. The Collector has also issued instructions that the chisel numbering of trees both at breast height and at stump height should be insisted upon before a permit is recommended.

* 2614 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some cart-loads of firewood cut from the private forests in Attappadi were seized by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, in February 1955; and

(*b*) if so how this firewood was disposed of by the Revenue Divisional Officer?